

2018 Beaches Water Quality Report Card: Dot Beaches

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As you can see, Southie is kicking ass in the clean water department but why the heck is Dorchester lagging behind? Tenean Beach has the lowest-scoring beach in the region in 2017.

According to Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, there was a slight decline in water quality across the board in 2017 over 2016 due to the fact 2017 was a

relatively rainy swimming season for Boston Harbor. The seasonal rainfall total was 12.1 inches, which is markedly higher than the 5.3 inches for 2016.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released their annual Beach Water Quality Report Card on the Metropolitan Region's public beaches just in time for the summer. The report card is based on water quality data collected during the 2017 beach season on 15 public beaches in 10 communities, including Lynn, Swampscott, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

Beach	6 year average	2017 safety rating	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
M Street	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Carson	99%	100%	100%	97%	100%	99%	99%
Nantasket	99%	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%	98%
City Point	99%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pleasure Bay	98%	100%	98%	100%	100%	96%	94%
Revere	97%	98%	98%	92%	100%	94%	100%
Winthrop	97%	94%	100%	100%	94%	94%	100%
Nahant	96%	100%	97%	98%	100%	91%	89%
Savin Hill	94%	94%	100%	94%	87%	100%	88%
Constitution	94%	95%	96%	89%	96%	97%	89%
Wollaston	91%	92%	93%	86%	94%	88%	93%
Malibu	89%	91%	97%	87%	93%	76%	89%
Short	91%	80%	88%	84%	100%	94%	100%
King's	85%	92%	83%	76%	88%	83%	86%
Tenean	81%	81%	92%	71%	95%	63%	82%
All Beaches	94%	94%	96%	92%	96%	92%	94%

We have a feeling that Dot beaches will struggle again this summer in the clean beach category thanks to all the rain and flooding in 2018. Morrissey Boulevard was non-existent too many times to count. But we shall see.